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In re Application of:

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Title: APPARATUS FOR, AND METHOD OF, VARYING THE RATE OF FLOW OF FLUID ALONG A PATHWAY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Box PCT**Director of US Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to action in, and calculation of fees for, the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 1, line 1, delete "(10)" and "(14)";

Claim 1, line 2, delete "(14a, 14b)";

Claim 1, line 3, delete "(14)" ~~and "(14b)"~~;

Claim 1, line 4, delete "(14b)";

Claim 2, line 1, delete "(10)" and "(14)";

Claim 2, line 2, delete "(14a, 14b)";

Claim 2, line 3, delete "(14)";

Claim 2, line 5, delete "(14)";